

HIS  
**MAJESTIES**  
Gracious Message.

To both *Houses of Parliament*, on  
Monday, the 14 of Febr. 1641,

Wherein he assenteth to the Bill against Bishops  
their Votes in Parliament, and that no man in ho-  
ly Orders shall meddle with any tempo-  
rall Jurisdiction.

Also his gracious Answer to the Clothiers Petition,  
And concurrence with both Houses in passing the Act for  
pressing of men, for a speedy supply of the distressed  
estate of Ireland.

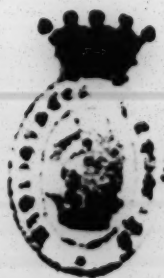
Declaring also his Royall Intentions concerning  
Church Government and the Book of Common Prayer.

*Whereunto is added*

The Lords and Commons humble thanks to his  
Majesty for the said Message.

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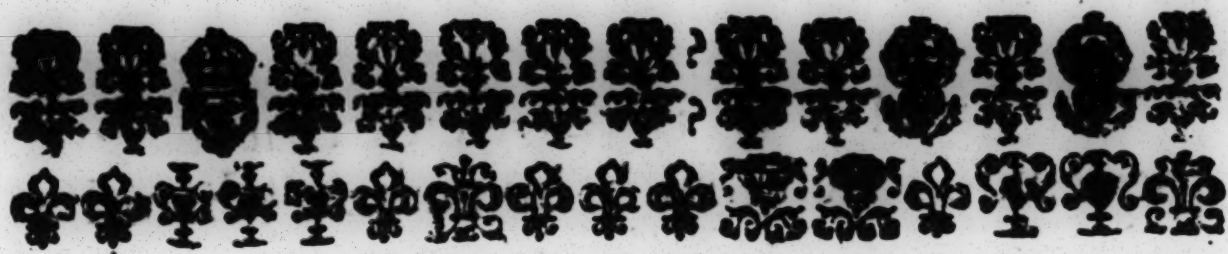




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*Lune 14. die Februarii,*

**His Maiesties Gracious Message  
to both Houses of Parliament.**

**T** Hough his Majesty is assured that his having so suddenly passed these two Bills being of so great importance, and earnestly desired by both Houses, will serve to assure this Parliament, that he desires nothing more then the satisfaction of his Kingdome: yet that he may further manifest to both Houses how impatient he is, till he find out a full remedy to compose the present distempers, he is pleased to signifie:

That his Majesty will by Proclamation require that all Statutes made concerning Recu-  
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sants, be with all care, diligence and severity put in execution.

That his Majesty is resolved, that the seven condemn'd Priest shall be immediately banished (if his Parliament shall consent thereunto) and his Majesty will give present Order (if it shall be held fit by both Houses) that a Proclamation issue to require all Romish Priests within twenty dayes to depart the Kingdome: and if any shall be apprehended after that time, his Majesty assures both Houses in the word of a King, that he will grant no pardon to any such without consent of his Parliament.

And because his Majesty observes great and different troubles to arise in the hearts of his people concerning the government and Liturgy of the Church, his Majesty is willing to declare; that he will referre that whole consideration to the wisdom of his Parliament, which he desires them to enter into speedily, That the present distractions about the same may be composed; but desires not to be pressed to any single Act on his part, till the whole be so digested and  
settled



settled by both houses, that his Majestie may clearly see what is fit to bee left, as well as what is fit to be taken away.

For *Ireland* ( in behalfe of which his Majesties heart bleeds ) as his Majestie hath concurred with all propositions made for that service by his Parliament, so he is resolved to leave nothing undone for their reliefe which shall fall within his possible power : nor will refuse to venture his owne Royall person in that warre, if his Parliament shall thinke it convenient for the Reduction of that miserable Kingdome,

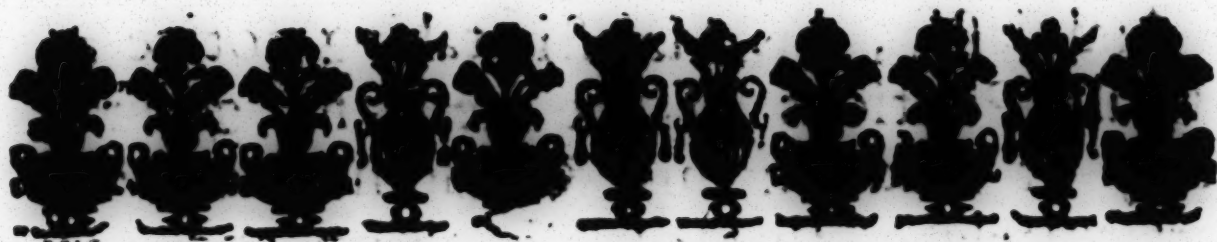
And lastly, his Majestie taking notice by severall Petitions of the great and generall decay of Trade in this Kingdome, and more particularly of that of Cloathing and new Draperies ( concerning which hee received lately at *Greenwich*, a modest, but earnest Petition from the Clothiers of *Suffolke* ) of which decay of Trade his Majestie hath a very deepe sence, both in respect of the extreame want and poverty it hath brought and



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must bring upon many thousands of his loving Subjects, and of the influence it must have ( in a very short time ) upon the very subsistence of this Nation, doth earnestly recommended the consideration of that great and weighty businessse to both houses, promising them, that he will most readily concurre in any resolution their wisdomes shall find out which may conduce to so necessary a worke.

*From our Court at Canterbury,  
February 13. 1641.*



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The Lords and Commons humble  
thanks unto His Majesty.

**T**He Lords and Commons assembled in Par-  
liament, doe with much joy receive, and  
with thankfullnesse acknowledge, your Majesties  
Grace, and favour, in giving your Royall assent  
to a Bill entitled, an act for disabling all per-  
sons in holy orders to exercise any temporall  
jurisdiction or authority. And also your Maje-  
sties care for Ireland, expressed in the dispatch of  
the Bill of pressing, so much importing the safe-  
ty of that and this Kingdom.

FINIS.







